

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure as a separate page after the claims:

ABSTRACT

Apparatus for stripping a belt in conveyor belt assemblies includes a stripping element on a system carrier, the stripping element having a stripping lamella on a lamella holder, the stripping lamella contacting the belt in a peeling position, wherein the stripping element has a swivel mount coupled to the lamella holder and a swivel axis parallel to a plane of the belt, a spring for pressing the stripping lamella against the belt such that the lamella holder in the peeling position is swiveled about the horizontal axis, and when obstructions adhering to the belt impact the stripping lamella, the lamella holder deflects and returns a working position, wherein the stripping lamella is swivel mounted at the lamella holder by a swivel mount having an axis parallel to a plane of the belt and is held and spring biased by a top spring is counter to the bottom swivel mount spring.